

MPO RESOLUTION # 12-06**RESOLUTION RE-DESIGNATING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) AS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
COORDINATOR (CTC) FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) has been established and charged with the responsibility and duty of fulfilling the aforementioned functions, and

WHEREAS, the TPC has reviewed the re-designation of MDT to the County's CTC and finds it consistent with the goals and objectives of the Transportation Plan for the Miami Urbanized Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:

SECTION 1. That Miami-Dade Transit is hereby re-designated as Miami-Dade County's Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for the next five years.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Joe A. Martinez-Aye
Vice Chairman Dennis C. Moss-Aye

Board Member Ruben D. Almaguer	-Aye	Board Member William H. Kerdyk	-Absent
Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro	-Absent	Board Member Julio Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Kevin A. Burns	-Aye	Board Member Dorrin Rolle	-Aye
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Natacha Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Darryl K. Sharpton	-Aye
Board Member Shirley M. Gibson	-Aye	Board Member Katy Sorenson	-Absent
Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Richard L. Steinberg	-Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Absent	Board Member Johnny L. Winton	-Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 23rd day of February, 2006.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
M.P.O.**

By  Jose-Luis Mesa
MPO Secretariat



MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAMS ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2001-2005

BACKGROUND

Miami Dade Transit (MDT) has served as the designated Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Miami-Dade County since 1990. MDT was last re-designated by the MPO Governing Board in 2000. MDT's Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) trips usually accounts for more than half of the State's TD annual trips. The numbers of TD trips provided in each of the past five years are as follows:

- 2001 – 28,094,127
- 2002 – 26,648,222
- 2003 – 29,730,823
- 2004 – 31,750,257
- 2005 – 28,874,498

All publicly-funded transportation services to the disadvantaged population of Miami-Dade County are coordinated by MDT as the CTC. The CTC also coordinates transportation services provided by non-publicly funded agencies who wish to be part of the coordinated system. In the five year period from 2001 through 2005 CTC coordination activities included the following:

- Created and implemented new programs, such as the Patriot Passport.
- Expanded the Golden Passport to include all citizens who receive Social Security benefits.
- Provided transit passes and tokens to over 200 social service agencies each month and monitored the disbursements to assure that target populations are receiving the needed benefits.
- Provided monthly transit passes for Medicaid recipients who have three or more medicaid-compensible appointments each month.
- Provided daily transit passes for Medicaid recipients when Medicaid recipients can use conventional transit services and have appointments less than three times per month.
- Implemented about 50 Coordination and Fare Agreements with social service agencies. These Agreements permit those agencies to obtained 90% public funding for vehicles under the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Section 5310 program.
- Monitored Medicaid agencies for compliance with regulations to assure that the needed services were properly provided.
- Conducted transit travel training for welfare-to-work agency staffs and clients.
- Reported on all activities in the Annual Operating Report.
- Disseminated information to social service agencies and the public concerning programs available to the TD populations.

Memorandum




Date January 18, 2006

To: Jose Mesa, Director
Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Roosevelt Bradley, Director
Miami-Dade Transit

Subject: Miami-Dade Transit as Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)



Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) currently serves as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Miami-Dade County, Florida. MDT is committed to the coordinated delivery of transportation disadvantaged services in Miami-Dade County and committed to maintaining service standards as outlined under Florida Statutes (F.S.) 427.

This letter is to express Miami-Dade Transit's interest to continue as the CTC in Miami-Dade County under the provisions of The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) and F.S. 427.

According to the Competitive Procurement Guidebook: A Planning Agency's Guide to Selecting a Governmental CTC: If the governmental unit expresses the desire to continue as the existing CTC, the planning agency may by-pass traditional competitive procurement procedures.

By MPO Resolution (#48-00), the MPO Governing Board designated Miami-Dade Transit as the Community Transportation Coordinator of the transportation disadvantaged for Miami-Dade County effective January 31, 2001 through 2004 and the CTD extended the period until June 30, 2006

Miami-Dade Transit looks forward with great pride to continue to serve its citizens, tourist visitors, and the transportation disadvantaged community as the Community Transportation Coordinator of Miami-Dade County.

Staff the TD Local Coordinating Board which advises and directs the CTC the provision of TD services and programs. The Board consists of TD advocates and representative of State and local agencies serving TD populations.

In the same period, the CTC provided transportation services directly or through a contractor as follows:

- Special Transportation Service, ADA complementary paratransit service for those citizens unable to use conventional transit services. This service is contracted by MDT to private transportation providers
- Medicaid paratransit service to Medicaid recipients who cannot use conventional transit and have no other transportation resource to get to and from medical appointments
- Fixed route services to connect job seekers to employment centers
- Less than five-day-a-week fixed route services to connect primarily elderly residents to commercial areas where they have access to shopping and medical appointments (Lifeline services)
- Daily door-to-door service for mentally challenged citizens to access the Community Habilitation Center, a mental health facility.

MDT SERVICE AND MOBILITY PLANNING DIVISION RESPONSIBILITIES

All transportation disadvantaged activities of MDT are carried out by the Service and Mobility Planning Division. The Transit Mobility Planning Section carries out the various coordination activities and the Paratransit Operations Section manages the paratransit contracted services. All of these activities are carried out under Florida Statute 427 and Rule 41-2 of the Florida Administrative Code.

The Transit Mobility Planning staff coordinates and funds over 200 agencies and programs that serve the transportation disadvantaged. TD funding supported over 2,000,000 trips in FY 05 and approximately 9,000,000 trips within the last five years. Staff is involved in data entry, analysis, monitoring, and reporting of all funding. Assistance is given in the form of Metropasses and Tokens.

Staff coordinates the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB), which is an advisory body that ensures that opportunities shall be provided for all persons, including those with disabilities, to participate in the transportation planning process and to receive transportation services. The purpose of the LCB is to "identify local service needs and to provide information, advice, and direction to the CTC on the coordination of services to be provided to the TD through the Florida Coordinated Transportation System."

Staff is also responsible for the Medicaid Metropass Program and Lifeline Services for the elderly. The Medicaid Metropass Program has historically saved Medicaid approximately \$600,000 per month and has saved Medicaid over \$60,000,000 since implementation in 1991.

Assistance is given in the form of Metropasses for those who qualify with Medicaid Medical appointments. Medicaid Metropass staff performs data entry, analysis, monitoring, and reports on approximately 50 Medicaid agency/programs and up to 5,000 Medicaid recipients. Lifeline Services are provided to seniors from their senior complex to designated shopping plazas or malls. Currently, there are seven Lifeline services that serve Miami-Dade County.

Finally, staff performs on site travel training to organizations that serve the disadvantaged and also performs Mass transit orientation to staff and participants of programs and agencies.

For STS and Medicaid Paratransit, the Paratransit Operations Section manages the contracts under which these programs operate. Staff takes reservations, comments and complaints; directs the contractor to take actions as needed; accepts and reviews applications for the services; makes presentations to various meetings of groups affiliated with these programs; and monitors the provision of service.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MDT, as the CTC, has continued success with the implementation of the following transportation programs for the disadvantaged

Miami-Dade Transit bus fleet is 100% accessible. Metrorail and Metromover are also fully accessible.

The Golden Passport Program - For seniors and those receiving SSI, SSDI, and Medicare benefits. The picture ID allows recipients free access to Metrobus and Metrorail.

The Patriot Passport program – For honorably discharged low-income veterans. The picture ID allows the recipient free access to Metrobus and Metrorail.

The STS/ADA Program - Serves the eligible disabled who cannot access Metrobus and Metrorail with door to door transportation to destination of choice. The picture ID also allows recipients free access to Metrobus and Metrorail.

The Medicaid Paratransit program - Allows those who qualify for door-to-door transportation to Medicaid-compensatory medical appointments only.

MDT has implemented transportation services and information resources in coordination with WAGES Programs (Welfare to Work Transition):

- ❖ Created, revised, and expanded bus service to serve WAGES recipients and businesses that were committed to training and hiring WAGES recipients.
- ❖ Dade Monroe Express serves South Miami-Dade, Key Largo, Islamorada, Tavernier, and Marathon in the Florida Keys.
- ❖ Card Sound Express serves employees and staff of the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo.
- ❖ Expanded Metrobus Route E into a new commercial area of Miami Lakes.
- ❖ Expanded the Metrobus Coral Reef MAX to Deerwood Industrial Park.
- ❖ Installed an information kiosk at the WAGES Airport location for easy access to transit information.

- ❖ Installed a dedicated telephone line for WAGES staff to access transit information for their participants.
- ❖ Conducted transit-orientation travel training to WAGES staff and recipients.

WORKING WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MDT maintains Coordination and Fare Agreements (CFA) with social service agencies which, in turn, provide transportation to seniors and individuals with disabilities. For those agencies to receive vehicles through FDOT's 5310 Capital Grant Program, the recipients of these vehicles must have a signed CFA with MDT. Recipients must also adhere to all County and Federal standards and guidelines with respect to transportation of the disadvantaged.

SUMMARY

Miami-Dade Transit, acting as the Community Transportation Coordinator, has implemented, coordinated and continues to operate numerous innovative programs for the transportation disadvantage which are both cost effective and efficient and provide needed transit services.